

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the claims with him during an interview in the USPTO on December 18, 2003. Applicants also thank the Examiner for his helpful suggestions in moving this application towards allowance.

**Statement of the Substance of the Interview on December 18, 2003**

As stated above, an interview was held between Examiner Callahan and Mr. Jack Jankovitz, Mr. Ono Yasuhide, Miss Yuko Watanabe and Miss Kyoko Hamakawa on December 18, 2003 in the USPTO.

The substance of the interview and what was agreed upon is set forth in the Interview Summary provided by Examiner Callahan.

As stated in the Interview Summary, the claims were discussed and an agreement was reached regarding amending the claims to overcome the Section 112 rejection.

**Drawings**

As requested, new drawings are now enclosed with correct headers.

**Terminal Disclaimer**

Applicants thank the Examiner for accepting the Terminal Disclaimer submitted on April 1, 2003.

**Reissue Applications**

There are other concurrent proceedings relating to U.S. Patent No. 5,761,301. A parent reissue application, **Application No. 09/588,364** is pending in the USPTO. In addition, six divisional reissue applications (all divisionals of '364) are currently also pending in the USPTO, as follows:

- 10/020,425
- 10/020,427
- 10/017,965
- 10/017,973

- 10/183,205 .
- 10/183,658 .

It is noted that one of these six pending divisional reissue applications is the present application (10/017,973). None of these six pending divisional reissue applications, nor the pending parent reissue application (09/588,364) is involved in any interferences, reexaminations, or litigations.

**Information Disclosure Statement:**

(1) An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), filed February 24, 2003 (copy and stamped postcard enclosed) was not acknowledged by the Examiner, because it did not contain a concise explanation of the relevance as presently understood of each patent listed that is not in the English language. As agreed during the Interview, Applicants are now enclosing a **complete English translation** of Japanese Official Action, dated November 19, 2002 for JP 2002-235948, which was cited in this IDS (previously, only a **partial English translation** had been provided). This Japanese Official Action includes a statement about the relevance of the five Japanese references listed in the IDS (these five Japanese references had been provided previously with English abstracts). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner now acknowledge this enclosed IDS in accordance with MPEP 609III(A)(3).

(2) A copy and stamped postcard of another IDS, filed on April 1, 2003, is also enclosed. This IDS included a Japanese patent 5-234321 with **only an English abstract**. Acting in an abundance of caution, Applicants are now submitting a **complete English translation** of this Japanese application JP 5-234321. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge this enclosed IDS.

(3) Applicants are now enclosing a copy of still another IDS, filed on May 23, 2003 (stamped postcard enclosed). The Examiner has noted that he is missing a copy of one of the documents titled: "NSM Storage - Jukebox and Storage ABC." Applicants are now submitting a copy of this IDS with a copy of this missing document. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge this IDS.

**Reissue Oath/Declaration**

As requested, Applicants are now providing a new Substitute Reissue Declaration that more specifically sets forth a defect.

Application No. 10/017,973  
Amendment dated January 12, 2004  
In Reply to Final Office Action of November 17, 2003

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**Section 112 Rejections:**

Applicants have now, as agreed during the Interview, amended claims 36 and 38 to include "said data recording area and barcode pattern are readable by light radiation." This amendment overcomes the Section 112 rejections.

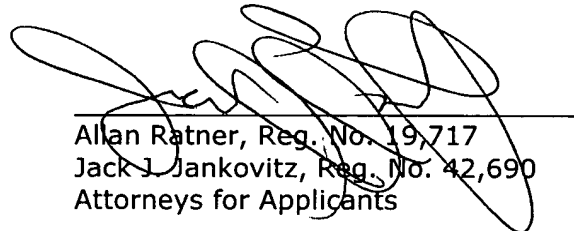
Claims 36-39 are now in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion:**

Claims 36-39 are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Substitute Reissue Declaration  
Drawings 1-42 (43 Sheets)  
Copy of IDS dated February 19, 2003 w/copy of "NSM Storage Jukebox and Storage ABC" and return postcard  
Copy of IDS dated April 1, 2003 w/copy of English translation of Japanese Patent Application JP 5-234321 and return postcard  
Copy of IDS dated May 23, 2003 w/English translation of Japanese Official Action for JP 2002-235948 and return postcard

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